1	BEFORE THE
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
2	IN THE MATTER OF:
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4	LONG DISTANCE SAVINGS SOLUTION, LLC )  ) No. 05-0274
5	Application for a Certificate of )
5	<pre>Interexchange Authority to operate ) as a reseller of telecommunications )</pre>
6	services within the State of Illinois.)
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	Chicago, Illinois
8	June 21, 2005
9	Met, pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m.
10	BEFORE:
11	John Riley, Administrative Law Judge.
12	APPEARANCES:
13	MR. PATRICK CROCKER
14	1501 South Row Street Suite 900
15	Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007 for the applicant.
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18	SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by FRANCISCO E. CASTANEDA, CSR,
10	License No. 084-004235
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- 1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: Pursuant to the
- 2 direction of Illinois Commerce Commission, I call
- 3 Docket 05-0274. This is an application by Long
- 4 Distance Savings Solution, LLC, for a certificate of
- 5 interexchange authority to operate as a reseller of
- 6 telecommunication services within the State Illinois.
- 7 Mr. Crocker, as counsel for the
- 8 applicant, would you enter an appearance for the
- 9 record, please.
- 10 MR. CROCKER: Yes, your Honor.
- 11 Patrick Crocker appearing on behalf of
- 12 the applicant. My address is 1501 South Row
- 13 Street. That's Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007, and that
- 14 would be Suite 900.
- 15 And today I have Mr. Chris Swenson
- 16 providing testimony in support of the application
- 17 today.
- 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: All right.
- 19 (Witness sworn.)
- 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: Please proceed.
- 21 MR. CROCKER: Thank you, your Honor.

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- 1 CHRIS SWENSON,
- 2 having been called as a witness herein, after having
- 3 been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
- 4 follows:
- 5 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 6 BY
- 7 MR. CROCKER:
- 8 Q Mr. Swenson, could you please state your
- 9 name and business address for the record.
- 10 A It's Chris Swenson, 42 Westin Street, Suite
- 11 2-A, Walsham, Massachusetts 02453.
- 12 Q And what is your occupation?
- 13 A I'm manager of finance for Long Distance
- 14 Savings Solution.
- Okay. And is the purpose of your testimony
- 16 today to describe the nature of the company business
- 17 and to demonstrate the company's financial,
- 18 managerial, technical ability to provide the services
- 19 contemplated by this application?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Okay. Could you please briefly describe
- 22 the nature of the services your company intends to

- 1 offer?
- 2 A We intend to offer a full range of one-plus
- 3 interexchange telecommunications services on a
- 4 statewide basis. Specifically, the company intends
- 5 to provide MTS, out watts, in watts and calling card
- 6 services.
- 7 Q In what state is your company incorporated?
- 8 A Delaware.
- 9 Q Okay. And is there a copy of the articles
- of organization attached to the application as
- 11 Exhibit B?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And is your company qualified to transact
- 14 business within the State of Illinois?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Okay. Could you please describe your
- 17 background in business in telecommunication?
- 18 A I've been in telecom or related over 14
- 19 years now. Prior to coming here, I was chief
- 20 financial officer of Sonic Telecom and Telegia.
- 21 Both telecom related companies.
- 22 Prior to that, I was with Fidelity

- 1 Ventures, which is a venture capital firm focusing on
- 2 telecom investment.
- 3 Q Okay. My understanding is this is a
- 4 start-up. Could you identify some of the management
- 5 team and some of their responsibilities?
- 6 A Currently, there are only two of us.
- 7 There's me and then there is Jeff Wells, who is
- 8 manager of operations.
- 9 Q Okay. Is a brief description Mr. Wells'
- 10 background and experience attached as Exhibit C to
- 11 the application?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Okay. Will your company offer operator
- 14 services within Illinois?
- 15 A No; but, however, should the company add
- operator services at a later date, the company will
- 17 comply with the Commission rules concerning of
- 18 provision of operator services.
- 19 O Okay. And will you provide
- 20 telecommunication services to customers in Illinois
- 21 in accordance with your terms, rates and conditions
- 22 as set forth in your company's approved tariff?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Okay. I understand that attached to the
- 3 application is Exhibit D. We've provided start-up
- 4 financial statement?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Is that true?
- 7 Has the company's financial
- 8 circumstances adversely changed since the filing of
- 9 this application?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Will the company follow the FCC rules for
- 12 slamming and cramming of -- to prevent slamming and
- 13 cramming of long-distance service?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And will the company follow any rules
- 16 promulgated by the State of Illinois to prevent
- 17 slamming and cramming?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q I understand this is a newly formed
- 20 corporation. Do you have a procedure for handling
- 21 consumer complaints, like a toll-free number and that
- 22 kind of thing?

- 1 A We will. We plan to.
- 3 number and making it available on the end users' bill
- 4 and that kind of thing?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And when you invoice a customer, will the
- 7 company name appear on the end users' invoice?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And will you invoice end users on a monthly
- 10 basis?
- 11 A Yes.
- MR. CROCKER: I have no further questions at this
- 13 time, your Honor.
- 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: All right.
- 15 Thank you.
- 16 EXAMINATION
- 17 BY
- 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY:
- 19 Q Mr. Swenson, I just have a few of my own.
- 20 A Sure.
- 21 Q Your last name is spelled S-w-e-n-s-o-n; is
- 22 that correct?

- 1 A That's correct.
- 2 Q And do you go by the name of Chris or is
- 3 your first name Christopher?
- 4 A My first name is Christopher but I go by
- 5 Chris.
- 6 Q Okay. And this is an application strictly
- 7 for resold interexchange services at this time; is
- 8 that correct?
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q And will you be acquiring or building any
- 11 facilities in Illinois?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q All right. And is the name that is to
- 14 appear on the certificate the same name that appears
- on the application?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Okay. And you are not going to be doing
- 18 any assumed or doing business as names?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q All right. And this is a Delaware LLC, and
- 21 are you located in Illinois?
- 22 A Our business offices are Massachusetts.

- 1 Q And is that where the books and records are
- 2 kept?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q The reason I ask that question is because
- 5 on the application it reflects an address of 717
- 6 South Wells Street, Suite 700 in Chicago. Is that
- 7 now obsolete?
- 8 A I'm sorry, that's where our reseller switch
- 9 will be.
- 10 Q Okay. And where will the office -- was
- 11 that in Walsham, Massachusetts?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And that's where the books and records will
- 14 be?
- 15 A That's right.
- 16 Q And is the company requesting permission --
- oh, I see. You have already filed a request for --
- 18 to keep the books and records in Massachusetts.
- 19 Excuse me.
- 20 A Uh-huh.
- 21 MR. CROCKER: Yeah, I apologize for the confusion,
- 22 your Honor. I probably should have

- 1 clarified that.
- 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: Okay. No, that's
- 3 fine.
- 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY:
- 5 Q Looking at -- do you have a copy of the
- 6 application in front of you?
- 7 A No, I don't.
- 8 Q All right. Well, let me bring your
- 9 attention anyway to Question 28 --
- 10 A Okay. Now I do.
- 11 Q -- under the heading of "technical." It
- 12 says, Will technical personnel be available at all
- 13 times to assist customers with service problems?
- 14 The answer is -- the box that's checked is "no"?
- 15 A Right.
- 17 A That's correct. Yeah, we'll available,
- 18 like we said, during normal business hours.
- 19 Q Oh, I see what you mean.
- 20 And what are your normal business hours?
- 21 A 8:00 to 5:00.

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- 1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: That's all the
- 2 questions that I have. The only two things that I
- 3 want to deal with now would be with regard to the
- 4 exhibits.
- 5 One would be the management profiles
- 6 that were filed on our e-docket system, and the other
- 7 would be the income sheet and balance statement that
- 8 were filed on our e-docket system.
- 9 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY:
- 10 Q Mr. Swenson, as you testified today, are
- 11 there any changes to either of those documents?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q All right.
- 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: Then I'd like to
- mark the management profiles as Applicant's
- 16 Exhibit 1, and the income statement as Applicant's
- 17 Exhibit 2.
- 18 (Whereupon, Applicant's
- 19 Exhibit Nos. 1 and 2 were
- 20 marked for identification.)
- 21 MR. CROCKER: Thank you, your Honor.
- 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: And

- 1 Mr. Crocker, I trust that you are moving for the
- 2 admission of these two exhibits into evidence?
- 3 MR. CROCKER: Yes, that is correct, your Honor.
- 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: All right.
- 5 Applicant's Exhibit 1 and 2 are admitted into
- 6 evidence.
- 7 (Whereupon, Applicant's
- 8 Exhibit Nos. 1 and 2 were
- 9 admitted into evidence.)
- 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: Mr. Crocker, did
- 11 you have anything further for the witness?
- 12 MR. CROCKER: Nothing further at this time.
- 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: All right. I
- 14 will direct the court reporter to mark this matter
- 15 heard and taken and I'll have an order prepared for
- 16 the Commission just as soon as possible.
- 17 MR. CROCKER: Okay. Thank you, your Honor.
- 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RILEY: Gentlemen, thank
- 19 you very much.
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